in a large organization like the Railways spread over the entire country, at any point of time. Since the sanctioned strength of staff includes provision for leave reserve, rest givers and for training, these take care of gaps, if any, between occurrence and filling up of vacancies. The steps to fill up the vacancies include promptly placing indents on Railway Recruitment Boards for direct recruitment and conducting selections/ suitability/trade tests for promotion timely. The Safety, Security and Operational categories have been exempted from the purview of rightsizing and hence recruitment ordered to the full extent. Details of vacancies in safety categories zone-wise and cadre-wise as on 30.11.2003 will be collected and placed on the Table of the Sabha.

**Siding track of KRIBHCO**

1961. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of industrial growth of the area around Hajira Port, railways accept the need of connecting Hajira Port to its hinterland;

(b) whether Railways will consider to extend the siding track of KRIBHCO up to Hajira; and

(c) if so, by when this work will be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The project is a part of the port connectivity initiative under National Rail Vikas Yojana (NRVY). The project can be taken up once the financial feasibility is established by the technical and financial study underway.

**Vigyan Rail**

1962. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways postponed the train 'Vigyan Rail' which was intended to spread awareness about progress, the country has achieved in Science and Technology;

(b) if so, what are the special features of the train;